



Media Contact:

Jane Robison
Sr. Public Information Officer
213-974-3525
JRobison@da.lacounty.gov
Twitter: @LADAOoffice

July 14, 2014

**German National, Two Attorneys Charged
with Trying to Extort a Saudi Sheik's Son**

A woman who falsely claimed she was sexually assaulted and tortured by a Saudi sheik's son along with the woman's two attorneys were charged today with conspiracy to extort one of the wealthiest men in Saudi Arabia, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Leyla Ors (dob 2/24/81), Joseph Gerard Cavallo (dob 8/18/55), and Emanuel Karl Hudson (dob 1/08/56) are charged in case BA427039 with attempted extortion, conspiracy to commit extortion, conspiracy to receive a bribe and conspiracy to obstruct justice. In addition, Ors is charged with one count of offering to receive a bribe by a witness.

Deputy District Attorneys Deborah Delpont and Stephanie Sparagna with the Justice System Integrity Division are prosecuting the case.

Ors, a German national, is scheduled to be arraigned today at the Foltz Criminal Justice Center in Department 30. Prosecutors will ask that her bail be set at \$35,000. Cavallo is scheduled to be arraigned sometime Tuesday. Hudson is due in court July 31 for arraignment.

Ors told police in March that she had been raped and tortured by Thamer Albalwi, the 23-year-old son of one of the wealthiest men in Saudi Arabia, Sheikh (CK) Monsur Albalwi. Based on her allegations, a physical exam and visible injuries, Albalwi was charged March 13 with four counts of sexual assault.

But in June, Hudson spoke by phone with Albalwi's father and told him that for \$15 million, Ors would not testify against the son and "the case would be over." On the same day, Cavallo spoke by phone to Sheikh Albalwi and said the demand was \$20 million and Hudson would set up an account in Lucerne (Switzerland), according to the overt acts in the complaint.

The three were arrested Thursday by the Los Angeles Police Department's Robbery/Homicide Division. Ors remains in custody. Cavallo and Hudson bonded out.

Based on evidence uncovered in an ongoing investigation, the sexual assault case against Thamer Albalwi was dismissed Friday by Judge James Dabney at the Airport Court.

If convicted, Ors, Cavallo and Hudson each face up to four years in custody.

#

About the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office

Los Angeles County District Attorney Jackie Lacey leads the largest local prosecutorial office in the nation. Her staff of nearly 1,000 attorneys, 300 investigators and 800 support staff members is dedicated to seeking justice for victims of crime and enhancing public safety. Last year, the [Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office](#) prosecuted more than 73,000 felony defendants and 113,000 misdemeanor defendants.